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Shuster Welcomes CBO Estimate on Republican Healthcare Alternative

Washington, D.C. –Congressman Bill Shuster released the following statement today after the Congressional Budget Office released its report showing that the Republican healthcare alternative would reduce healthcare premiums by up to 10 percent and lower federal deficits by \$68 billion over the next ten years:

"The Americans people have made clear that healthcare reform should be focused on lowering the cost of quality healthcare for all Americans while preserving choice and competition in the healthcare market. House Republicans have offered an alternative healthcare reform plan that the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office confirms will accomplish this goal.

In a time of historic federal spending and government intrusion in the economy, the American people do not want another *unnecessary \$2.4 trillion big-government takeover* of healthcare which accounts for one sixth of our private economy.

House Republicans have shown that we can reform healthcare in an incremental, fiscally responsible manner that will reduce spending by \$49 billion and lower our deficit by \$68 billion over ten years while expanding coverage for millions of Americans."

The House Republican alternative healthcare reform plan can be read online at http://healthcare.gop.gov. Also, the Republican healthcare alternative can be read at the following address: http://gopleader.gov/UploadedFiles/hr3962amendmentBoehner.pdf.